

# Programs and Activities for August 1 -21, 2004

**Join Us!**  
This guide lists a variety of ranger-led programs, from easy walks and evening talks, to all-day hikes and boat tours. Information for other programs and activities, including field classes and special Native American events, can also be found in this guide.

**Junior Rangers**  
Families with children may take advantage of our Junior Ranger Program. Children between the ages of six and twelve can become a Junior Ranger. Pick up a copy of the Junior Ranger Newspaper at a visitor center. Inside you will find seven activities that will introduce you to the variety of habitats found in the park. Complete five of the activities and bring your completed form back to a visitor center to receive your Junior Ranger Badge, and become a Glacier National Park Junior Ranger.

**Boat Cruise and Hike**  
Glacier Park Boat Co. offers narrated scenic boat cruises at Lake McDonald, Many Glacier, Rising Sun, and Two Medicine. In addition to the National Park Service-led hikes listed inside, Glacier Park Boat Co. naturalists lead guided walks at Two Medicine, Many Glacier, and Rising Sun.

**Grinnell Lake Cruise and Hike**  
Meet at the Many Glacier Hotel Boat Dock for a relaxing cruise on Swiftcurrent and Josephine Lakes, followed by an optional, easy 2 mile, round-trip walk to spectacular Grinnell Lake.  
**Sundays, Mondays, Fridays, & Saturdays ..... 2:00pm**

**Two Medicine Cruise and Hike**  
This 2 1/4 hour activity includes a scenic boat cruise on Two Medicine Lake and easy 1.8 mile round-trip hike to beautiful Twin Falls. Meet at the Two Medicine Boat Dock.  
**Daily ..... 1:00pm & 3:00pm**

**St. Mary Lake Cruise and Hike**  
Meet at the Rising Sun Boat Dock for a cruise of St. Mary Lake and an optional 3 mile round-trip hike to St. Mary Falls.  
**Mondays & Fridays ..... 9:00am**

**Proud Partners**  
Some of the park’s interpretive programs and publications have been enhanced by a generous donation of photographic supplies from Kodak, one of the Proud Partners of America’s National Parks.



**Glacier Natural History Association**  
Glacier’s Native American programs and free publications are made possible with the generous financial support of the Glacier Natural History Association. Bookstores in park visitor centers are operated by the Association.

This nonprofit organization works with the National Park Service to assist with educational and interpretive activities, cultural preservation, and special projects. A percentage of proceeds from book sales are donated to the park each year. Association bookstores are located at: Apgar, Logan Pass, and



Mountain Goat surrounded by Beargrass on the Highline Trail



Boarding a boat cruise on St. Mary Lake



Fireweed

St. Mary Visitor Centers, Polebridge, Two Medicine, Many Glacier, and Goat Haunt Ranger Stations, the Apgar Backcountry Permit Center, and the West Glacier Depot. For more information, please contact:

**Glacier Natural History Association**  
P.O. Box 310  
West Glacier, MT 59936  
Phone 406-888-5756  
<http://www.glacierassociation.org>  
[gnha@glacierassociation.org](mailto:gnha@glacierassociation.org)

**Ride and Stride Bus Tour & Hike**  
  
**Take a break from your car and let someone else do the driving! Sit back and absorb the spectacular views of Glacier National Park with a ride on the historic Going-to-the-Sun Road to Logan Pass. Your journey and exploration of Glacier continues upon arrival at Logan Pass with a guided alpine hike along the famous Highline Trail.**

**For more information about this exciting opportunity, please see pages 2 and 3, or stop by any visitor center to speak with a park ranger.**

## The Glacier Institute

The Glacier Institute provides innovative outdoor education programs within and around Glacier National Park. Field courses offered between August 1 to August 21, 2004 include:

Date	Course Name
1-6 .....	Fly Fish Camp.
6-8 .....	Journaling the Wild.
7 .....	Many Glacier Geology.
7-8 .....	Science of Fly-fishing.
9 .....	Fire in the forest.
10-11 ...	Archaeology of Glacier National Park.
12-14 ...	Flora of Glacier National Park: Advanced Beauty.
16 .....	Track, Scat and Signs: Becoming a Wildlife Detective.
18-21 ...	Glacier’s Grizzlies: An In-Depth Look
21 .....	Geology along the Highline
21-22 ...	Brain Tanning Hides and Porcupine Quill Work Art.

### Glacier Learning & Lodging Adventure Programs include:

**Many Glacier Hotel**  
Glacier’s Grizzlies ..... Fridays  
Glacier’s Geology ..... Saturdays



















**Glacier Park Lodge**  
Native American Culture ..... Fridays  
Glacier’s Grizzlies ..... Saturdays

**Lake McDonald Lodge**  
Predators & Prey ..... Tuesdays  
Glacier’s Grizzlies ..... Thursdays

For more information on times, locations, and prices of these courses, please contact:

**The Glacier Institute**  
P.O. Box 1887  
Kalispell, MT 59903  
406-755-1211  
[www.glacierinstitute.org](http://www.glacierinstitute.org)  
“Learning Gone Wild!”



Lake McDonald							
	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<div><b>Ride and Stride Bus Tour &amp; Hike</b></div> <div>Join us for this combination historic Red Bus ride and alpine hike. Discover the role historic transportation routes played in providing visitors access to the interior of the park, then hike one of the most famous park trails. Reservations are required along with a fee for the Red Bus ride. Call 406-892-2525 for reservations. Contact Apgar Visitor Center for hike details. Bring water, lunch/snacks and clothing for changing mountain weather. <b>Visitors with a fear of heights may experience difficulty on some sections of the trail. Inquire for details. Approximately 7 miles (11.2km) - 7 hours</b></div>	8:30am		8:30am		8:30am		8:30am
<div><b>Fire in Glacier Walk</b></div> <div>Explore the Robert Fire of 2003 and discover the vital role wildland fire plays in the Crown of the Continent Ecosystem. Meet at the Fish Creek Campground Amphitheater parking lot (2<sup>nd</sup> right turn inside the Fish Creek Campground). <b>2 miles (3.2km) - 2 hours</b></div>	9:00am		9:00am		9:00am		9:00am
<div><b>Fire Cycle Walk</b></div> <div>Witness the ever-changing ecosystem that fire supports in the Northern Rockies. We will explore the succession brought about by the 2001 Moose Fire. Meet at the Forests and Fire Nature Trail (Huckleberry Nature Trail) parking lot, just outside the entrance station on the Camas Road. <b>1 mile (1.6km) - 1 ½ hours</b></div>		9:00am		9:00am		9:00am	
<div><b>Nurturing Native Plants</b></div> <div>Join the staff of the Native Plant Nursery for this look at how plants are grown for use in revegetation projects in the park. Meet at the front steps of park headquarters. <b>1 ½ hours</b></div>			10:00am				
<div><b>Discovery Cabin</b></div> <div>Participate in educational and fun hands-on activities at our Discovery Cabin. Interpretive staff will be on duty to help with a variety of learning stations about bears, wolves, mountain lions, birds, geology and much more. Stop at the Apgar Visitor Center for directions to the cabin.</div>	12:30pm to 2:00pm	12:30pm to 2:00pm	12:30pm to 2:00pm	12:30pm to 2:00pm	12:30pm to 2:00pm	12:30pm to 2:00pm	12:30pm to 2:00pm
<div><b>Sacred Dancing Cascades Walk</b></div> <div>Amazing old growth forests of cedar and hemlock, tranquil Johns Lake, and the rushing waters of upper McDonald Creek highlight this moderately easy walk. Meet at the bridge on the Lake McDonald Ranger Station Road (first left 1.2 miles north of Lake McDonald Lodge). <b>2.5 miles (4km) - 2 ¼ hours</b></div>	1:30pm		1:30pm		1:30pm		1:30pm
<div><b>Lower McDonald Creek Stroll</b></div> <div>Join us for a casual stroll through the forest and along lower McDonald Creek to discover why Glacier National Park is world famous for its biological diversity. Meet at the picnic tables behind the Apgar Visitor Center. <b>1.5 miles (2.4km) - 1½ hours</b></div>		1:30pm		1:30pm		1:30pm	
<div><b>Lake McDonald Launch Tours</b></div> <div>Cruise the waters of Lake McDonald and experience a segment of Glacier's history from a unique perspective aboard the historic <i>DeSmet</i>. Meet at the dock behind Lake McDonald Lodge. Arrive 15 minutes early to pay the fee charged for the boat trip. <b>1 hour</b></div>	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm
<div><b>Apgar Campground Ranger Talk</b></div> <div>Join us at the Apgar Campground Amphitheater for an exploration of Glacier's natural and cultural history. Bring the family and your questions for an interesting look at this incredible place. <b>45 minutes</b></div>		8:00pm		8:00pm		8:00pm	8:00pm
<div><b>Avalanche Campground Ranger Talk</b></div> <div>Meet at the Avalanche Campground Amphitheater for a traditional ranger talk. We will explore some of the unique stories behind the scenery of this “jewel” called Glacier. <b>45 minutes</b></div>	8:00pm		8:00pm		8:00pm		
<div><b>Fish Creek Campground Evening Program</b></div> <div>Sit back, relax and discover Glacier through these illustrated slide programs. Park Rangers will cover topics ranging from bears to birds, history to seasonal changes and more. Meet at the Fish Creek Campground Amphitheater. <b>45 minutes</b></div>	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm
<div><b>Lake McDonald Lodge Evening Program</b></div> <div>Meet in the Lake McDonald Lodge Auditorium for this evening slide program on the wonders of Glacier National Park. All park visitors are welcome to attend these free programs. <b>45 minutes</b></div>	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm



Lake McDonald

### What To Bring Hiking

#### Foot Gear

Everyone should have sturdy foot gear. A good boot, with strong support, will help prevent ankle injuries.

#### Water

Bring water with you! The mountains can get very hot in the summer. Surface water in the park may be unsafe to drink.

#### Mosquito Repellent

Mosquitos and flies can be bothersome. Come prepared to meet some of Glacier’s smaller wildlife species.

#### Sun Screen and a Hat

A day of hiking can expose you to more sun and UV rays than normal. Wear a hat. It will help keep you cool and you won’t get a painful sunburn on your scalp!

#### Rain Gear

Weather can change quickly. Come prepared for summer showers.

#### Food and Snacks

Bring something to eat while you are in the backcountry. If you are on an all-day hike or a hike over the noon hour, you’ll get mighty hungry without lunch.








Remember, if you pack it in, pack it out.

#### Children

Children are welcome on interpretive activities, but should always be accompanied by an adult.

#### Enthusiasm and a Spirit of Adventure

Glacier’s rangers and concessioners will be guiding you to some incredible places. Come prepared to have a great time!

St. Mary								
		SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	<b>Siyeh Pass Hike</b> Hike the highest trail in Glacier National Park. Highlights include wildflowers, views of Sexton Glacier, and high mountain vistas. Strenuous all day hike. Meet at Sunrift Gorge to arrange a car shuttle. <b>10.5 miles (16.8km) - 8 hours</b>	8:30am		8:30am		8:30am		8:30am
 	<b>St. Mary Lake Boat Trip &amp; Hike</b> Cruise among the towering peaks on St. Mary Lake and hike to two waterfalls. Highlights include scenery, waterfalls, and a glacially carved valley. Meet at the Rising Sun Boat Dock. Arrive early to pay fee for the boat cruise. <b>3 miles (5km) - 3½ hours</b>	9:00am & 2:00pm	2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm
 	<b>Ride and Stride Bus Tour &amp; Hike</b> Take a break from your car and let someone else do the driving! Sit back and absorb the spectacular views of Glacier National Park with a ride on the historic Going-to-the-Sun Road. Your journey and exploration continues upon arrival at Logan Pass with a guided alpine hike along the famous Highline Trail. Reservations required along with fee for bus ride. Call 1-800-786-9220 for reservations. <b>Visitors with a fear of heights may experience difficulty on some sections of the trail. Inquire for details. Approximately 7 miles (11.2km) - 7 hours</b>		9:20am		9:20am		9:20am	
	<b>Junior Ranger Program</b> Kids, if you are between 6-12 years old and looking for a hands-on adventure, join a Ranger for a Junior Ranger program. Parents, please pick your children up promptly at the end of the program. Meet at the 1913 Ranger Station. <b>1.5 hours</b>		10:00am				10:00am	
	<b>Mountains, Meadows, and the Magic Forest</b> You may not see a gnome, but you will experience sweeping mountain vistas, a dark and mysterious forest, and a picturesque pond. Meet at the 1913 Ranger Station. <b>3 miles (5km) - 2½ hours</b>	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm
	<b>Sunset Cruise</b> Enjoy the evening light on St. Mary Lake for this narrated boat cruise. Meet at the Rising Sun Boat Dock. Arrive early to pay fee for the boat cruise. <b>1 hour</b>	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm
 	<b>St. Mary Visitor Center Evening Program</b> Join us at the Visitor Center for an exploration of Glacier's natural and cultural history. <b>45 minutes</b>	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm
 	<b>Rising Sun Campground Program</b> Join an Interpretive Ranger for a traditional campfire program about the meanings of Glacier National Park. Native America Speaks program on Thursday nights. <b>45 minutes</b>	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm

Logan Pass



Clements Mountain










The Logan Pass Visitor Center is open daily. Rangers on duty will be happy to provide information and assistance. Books, tapes, and film are available for purchase. Phones, food, and fuel are not available. Plan on bringing all needed supplies with you when visiting.

**Parking**  
Frequently, the parking lot at Logan Pass fills beyond capacity, forcing visitors to drive on without stopping. Expect parking difficulties between 11:00am and 3:00pm. To avoid crowds, plan on visiting Logan Pass early in the day or late in the afternoon.










**Transportation**  
The Going-to-the-Sun Road shuttle and guided tour buses stop at Logan Pass. They provide a valuable service to those with oversized vehicles and help reduce traffic on the road. Tours can be arranged by contacting:

**Sun Tours**  
406-226-9220 (tours)

**Glacier Park Inc.**  
406-892-2525 (tours and shuttle service)

Two Medicine		SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
 <b>Dawson Pass Hike</b> This strenuous hike climbs 2450 feet through windswept alpine country to Dawson Pass. Meet at the Two Medicine Boat Dock. A fee is charged for the express boat cruise. <b>10.4 miles (16.6km) - 6 hours</b>					9:00am			
 <b>Upper Two Medicine Lake</b>  Cruise scenic Two Medicine Lake and hike past Twin Falls to Upper Two Medicine Lake. Meet at the Two Medicine Boat Dock. A fee is charged for the cruise. <b>4.4 miles (7km) - 5 hours</b>	10:30am							
 <b>Scenic Point Hike</b> Glaciated valleys and spectacular vistas highlight this rugged, steadily climbing hike. The hike gains 2350 feet to an alpine tundra reward at the top. Meet at the Scenic Point trailhead. <b>6.2 miles (9.9km) - 5 hours</b>		12:00pm						
 <b>Rockwell Falls</b> This moderately paced half-day hike passes Aster Falls, then gently ascends the valley beneath Sinopah Mountain to Rockwell Falls. Meet at the Two Medicine Campstore. <b>7.0 miles (11.2km) - 5 hours.</b>			12:00pm					
 <b>Cobalt Lake</b> Hike along the forested slopes of Sinopah Mountain, then climb into sub-alpine country to Cobalt Lake. Highlights: swift creeks, brilliant flowers and Rockwell Falls. Meet at the Two Medicine Campstore. <b>11 miles (17.6 km) - 7 hours</b>								12:00pm
 <b>Weed Walk</b> Learn about the “Invasion of the Aliens” while you assist a ranger with hand pulling exotic plant species in the Two Medicine area. You will help nab knapweed and other aliens and keep Glacier NP in its beautiful native state. Bring a pair of gloves. Meet at the Ranger Station. <b>1 hour</b>	4:30pm							
 <b>Campfire Program</b>  Join an Interpretive Ranger for a traditional campfire program about the meanings of Glacier National Park. Native America Speaks program on Wednesday nights. <b>45 minutes</b>	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm				8:00pm



Many Glacier		SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	<b>Grinnell Glacier Boat Trip and Hike</b> View one of the largest glaciers in the park on this strenuous all-day hike. Meet at the Many Glacier Hotel Boat Dock. A fee is charged for the boat. 1600-foot elevation Gain. High water conditions may limit access to the glacier. <b>8.5 miles (13km) - 8 hours</b>	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am
 	<b>Grinnell Lake Boat Trip and Hike</b> Meet at the Many Glacier Hotel boat dock for a cruise on Swiftcurrent and Josephine Lakes and an easy optional walk to Grinnell Lake. A fee is charged for the boat. Please purchase boat tickets early if possible. <b>2.5 miles (4km) - 3½ hours</b>	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am	9:00am
	<b>Iceberg Lake Hike</b> This moderately strenuous hike climbs 1200’ as it passes through flowered meadows (with spectacular views of the Many Glacier Valley) and subalpine forests on the way to beautiful Iceberg Lake. Meet at the Swiftcurrent Motor Inn porch. <b>10 miles (16km) - 6½ hours</b>	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am
	<b>Red Rock Falls Hike</b> Take advantage of a great opportunity to view the changing display of wildflowers and often-present wild-life. Meet at the Swifcurrent Motor Inn porch for this easy hike to Red Rock Falls. <b>3.5 miles (5.6km) - 3½ hours</b>		2:00pm				2:00pm	2:00pm
	<b>Historic Hotel Tour</b> Join an interpreter for a tour of the historic Many Glacier Hotel and learn about its grand history and current restoration. There will be ample time for comments and questions. Meet in the main lobby of the hotel. Some walking and stairs. - <b>1 hour</b>	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm
 	<b>Outdoor Campground Program</b> Join an interpreter at the Many Glacier Campground outdoor amphitheater for an exploration of Glacier’s varied and outstanding features. On Tuesday evenings enjoy a special presentation of the Native American Speaks program. <b>45 minutes</b>	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm
 	<b>Lucerne Room Evening Program</b> Sit back and enjoy a slide-illustrated tour of one of the facets of Glacier National Park. These 45-minute programs are presented by interpreters downstairs in the Lucerne Room of the Many Glacier Hotel. On Fridays a Heritage Interpreter from Waterton Lakes National Park will speak. All visitors are invited. <b>45 minutes</b>	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm





Gaillardia



Chipmunk



Crossing the bridge on the way to Grinnell Lake

Goat Haunt & Waterton		SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	<b>International Peace Park Hike</b> Join both U.S. National Park Service and Parks Canada staff on this exploration of the world’s first International Peace Park. Hike across the international boundary from Waterton to Goat Haunt and return via boat. Meet at the Bertha Trailhead in Waterton Townsite. There is a charge for the return boat trip and you should make reservations before starting the hike. Bring proper identification for the border crossing. Each hike is limited to 35 people, so you must pre-register at either the St Mary Visitor Center in Glacier (406-732-7750) or the Waterton Lakes Visitor Information Centre in Waterton (403-859-5133). Reservations are only accepted for the next scheduled hike (open on Wednesday for Saturday hikes; open on Saturday for Wednesday hikes). <b>8.7 miles (14km) - 7 hours.</b>				10:00am			10:00am
	<b>Evening Slide Program</b> A US National Park Service ranger will explore the remarkable plant diversity of Waterton-Glacier, the narrowest point of the Rocky Mountains. The program is offered on Friday evenings at 8:30 pm in the Falls Theatre in Waterton Townsite, located on Evergreen ave. <b>45 minutes</b>						8:30pm	

Special Programs



**Native Reflections**  
Award-winning performing artist, and Blackfeet tribal member, Jack Gladstone presents a musical/visual narrative of the major cultural contributions of Indians to American culture. Traditional stories, animal legends, and personality portraits guide the audience to a better understanding of our truly American heritage.

**Lake McDonald Lodge**  
**August 6, 13, & 20 ..... 8:30pm**

**St. Mary Visitor Center**  
**August 14 & 21 ..... 7:30pm**

**Native America Speaks**  
Blackfeet, Salish, and Kootenai tribal members share their knowledge of the history and culture of Native America, through these 45-minute programs.

**Many Glacier Campground**  
**August 3, 10, & 17 ..... 8:00pm**

**Two Medicine Campground**  
**August 4, 11, & 18 ..... 8:00pm**

**Rising Sun Campground**  
**August 5, 12, & 19 ..... 8:00pm**

**Apgar Campground**  
**August 2, 9, & 16 ..... 8:00pm**

**Blackfeet Drumming & Dancing**  
Join tribal member and narrator Joe McKay as he provides insight into contemporary and traditional Blackfeet history and culture. Members of the Ray Croff dance troupe demonstrate fancy, jingle, traditional, and grass dances. Seating and parking for this popular event are limited; please arrive early.

**St. Mary Visitor Center**  
**Aug 4 & 11 ..... 7:30pm**